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## Engineering Department

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April 17, 2013

### Request for Recommendation – Order of Street layout of a Portion of Quarry Road

Members of the Board,

In accordance with Section 81I of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, notice is hereby given that the initial steps have been taken to lay out as a Town way, for acceptance by the Town at the Special Town Meeting, the way known as:

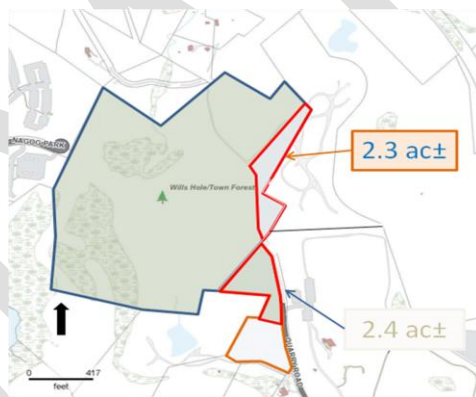
**QUARRY ROAD** – a portion thereof that is forty (40) feet in width from the present limit of Quarry Road as previously accepted by Article 32 of the Annual Town Meeting that took place on April 12-14, 1976, a distance of 420 feet, more or less, in a generally northerly direction.

There is an existing 60-foot wide right of way that extends across the upper athletic fields at N.A.R.A. as shown in the image below. When the NARA property was acquired in 1976 the Town also granted this right of way to the property owners so they would maintain Quarry Road access to their remaining land. The Town Manager and the Recreation, Natural Resources and Engineering Departments had initiated a meeting with the land owner in an attempt to relocate this easement.



The Natural Resource Director proposed to relocate the existing right of way to the northerly side of the Miracle Field. An issue that needs to be resolved is that the existing public layout for Quarry Road ends at about Miracle Field. The remainder of Quarry Road is an unaccepted way extending through the Town Forest and provides access for some residential properties and the DPW stockyard. The existing right of way across the NARA ball field connects to the public layout for Quarry Road. In order to relocate the right of way to the northerly side of Miracle Field, the Town would need to extend the public layout to ensure we maintain the same level of access.

In addition, the 2012 Annual Town Meeting authorized an exchange of land between the Town Forest and municipal uses. Below is a sketch showing the approximate areas to be transferred that will provide contiguous Town Forest land on one side of the road. The land to be transferred from the Town Forest to municipal uses consists of approximately 2.3 acres contiguous to land already used for DPW and active recreation purposes. The land to be transferred to the Town Forest from municipal uses consists of approximately 2.4 acres of undeveloped forested land contiguous to the Town Forest.



The land transfer is being coordinated so that the portion of Quarry Road being accepted as a Town way is included within the area being designated for municipal uses; not the Town Forest.

Quarry Road has been in existence for many years. Attached to this letter is a plan from 1933 showing the Town Forest land (portion of the area labeled "Texas Lot") and an access labeled "Road to Quarry" in the same location as Quarry Road. Over the years, the Town has maintained and accepted portions of Quarry Road. As part of the Miracle Field project, the Town re-graded and paved the upper section of Quarry Road to improve accessibility and ease of future maintenance. As shown in the photos, this section of Quarry Road has been maintained to provide sufficient width, suitable grades and adequate construction to accommodate the multi-modal transportation needs that are anticipated for the abutting land.



Figure 1 - Quarry Road by Miracle Field



Figure 2 – Quarry Road on the northerly side of Miracle Field

Now that this is referred to the Planning Board for its recommendation, no further action can be taken by the Board of Selectmen until the Planning Board has reported thereon, or has allowed forty-five days to elapse after such reference without submitting its report.

Thank you

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Town Engineer / Director of Public Works

Cc: Steven Ledoux, Town Manager  
Tom Tidman, Natural Resource Director  
Richard Waite, Highway Superintendent